

Dear Sir,

Mount Airy Aug. 31. 1770

If you should be at the Loudoun election you would greatly oblige me by speaking a good word for Capt. Blapham, I assure you he is a very worthy man, & was always my hearty friend, & has a regard for the whole family. Consider who are his opponents men who have for ever opposed you & your friends; And who now only seem to be upon tolerable terms, because they find they can no longer injure you, but let an opportunity offer, & I will answer for it they will be found as willing as ever. You must know that they have no real friendship for you, the other I'm certain has, and remember the excellent maxim, That it is much better to preserve old friends, than endeavour to make new ones at their expence. Besides I think Capt. Blapham much the properest person, he has had much more experience in publick life, & has seen more of the world. my best compliments wait upon Mr. Lee.

I am Dear Sir your affect. tble Serv. Francis Lightfoot Lee

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